1	2	3	4
14.	Jharsuguda	6	140
15.	Kalahandi	28	655
16.	Kandhamal	7	310
17.	Kendrapara	12	784
18.	Kendujhar	15	570
19.	Khorda	4	244
20.	Koraput	26	722
21.	Malkangiri	13	246
22.	Mayurbhanj	18	918
23.	Nabarangapur	37	596
24.	Nayagarh	9	515
25.	Nuapada	15	331
26.	Puri	9	609
27.	Rayagada	12	393
28.	Sambalpur	10	293
29.	Sonpur	8	349
30.	Sundargarh	15	357
	TOTAL	432	15930

Profits of MTNL and BSNL

2590. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landline connections of MTNL and BSNL which have been surrendered during the last three years;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the profits of MTNL and BSNL have decreased during the last three years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to sustain the number of landline consumers and the profits earned by these PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The number of landline telephone connections surrendered to MTNL and BSNL during the last three years are as follows:

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
MTNL	2,92,438	2,46,122	2,33,124
BSNL	34,17,052	38,15,417	42,63,456

(b) The major reasons for disconnection of landline telephone connections are:

(i) Customer opting for mobile connection of MTNL and BSNL.

(ii) Surrender of excess landline telephone connections.

(iii) Shifting of office/company/residence.

(iv) Closure of office/company.

(v) Customer opting for mobile/basic telephone of private operators.

(vi) Surrendering of second and above landline connections in view of availability of broadband connection for internet connectivity.

(vii) Economic reasons.

(c) The net profit of BSNL increased from Rs. 5,977/- crores for the year 2003-04 to Rs. 10,183/- crores for the year 2004-05. However, the net profit of BSNL has declined to Rs. 8,940/- crores for the year 2005-06. The net profit of MTNL for the year 2003-04 rose by 31.16% and the profits of the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 decreased by 18.38% and 38.20% respectively.

(d) The main reasons for the decrease in profit of MTNL and BSNL are on account of downward revision of Access Deficit Charges and reduction of tariff in the competitive market.

(e) The steps taken to sustain the number of landline consumers and profit earned by these PSUs are as following:

- Reduction in the tariff of all Basic and Cellular services.
- Launch of One India tariff schemes.
- All exchanges have been made Digital and new Remote Switching Units (RSUs)/Digital Line Concentrators (DLCs) are provided to improve service quality.
- Rehabilitation of outdoor network is done on continuous basis to reduce fault rate.
- New value added services like broadband, Intelligent Network Services are provided to landline customers at affordable rates.
- Aggressive roll out of cellular network and broadband services.
- Opening of Sanchar Haats, Customer Services Centres, appointment of dealer/agent and other methods to facilitate easy bill payment.

Compulsory registration for ISPs

†2591. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have issued orders to make registration compulsory for Internet Service Providers (ISPs); and

(b) if so, the number of companies registered so far with action ensured against those not yet registered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. However, Service Providers are required to obtain Licence to provide Internet Service.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Remedial measures taken by HDTA

2592. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing landline, Mobile and WLL phone connections during the years 2003-04 and 2005-06 under Hyderabad District Telecom; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.